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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 20, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 5, 2003, and further to the communication mailed on February 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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An Official Action was issued in the present application on March 5, 2003. In response to the Official Action, applicants filed an amendment on June 5, 2003. The Patent Office issued a communication in response to the amendment on August 4, 2003. The communication stated that the clean copy of the claims did not coincide with the marked-up version of the claims.

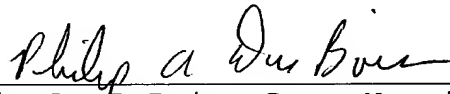
An amendment of September 4, 2003 was filed to correct this informality. In response to the amendment of September 4, 2003, the Patent Office issued a second communication stating that the amendment did not comply with 37 CFR 1.121.

It is believed that the enclosed amendment corrects the informality cited by the communication and complies with 37 CFR

1.121. Indeed, the Examiner's suggestion as to how to overcome this informality is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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